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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This Advisory Action is in regards to the most recent papers filed on 7/31/2008.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments filed 7/31/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

On pages 13-20, Applicant argues the rejection of the instant claims, arguing that the combination of references applied under 35 USC 103 does not disclose "said same subnet being identified by a portion of a Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Internet address." However, as addressed in the Office Action mailed 6/26/2008, this is inherent in the current interpretation of the term "subnet" (see the Office Action mailed 6/26/2008, page 4). A subnet, as defined by RFC917 utilizes an address model that results in the "same subnet being identified by a portion of a Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Internet address." (RFC917, Pages 5-7, Section 2 and the figure on page 5).

Thus, after careful consideration of Applicant's arguments, the rejection of the instant claims under 35 USC 103 have been maintained.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott Christensen whose telephone number is (571)270-1144. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 6:30AM - 4:00PM.

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